

Copyright protection on digital television can only hurt the consumer. It will do nothing to stem the flood of illegal broadcasts on the internet. The only thing it will do is prevent legitimate, paying customers (like myself) from recording programs to be played later. With my Digital Video Recorder from DirectTV and my VCR, I choose to watch what I want, when I want. Hollywood must not be able to make that decision for me. If these copyright protections are installed, I will be far less likely to invest in DTV technology, if I am forced to watch programs when they want me to watch them. A large freedom will be taken away from the public.